



Monthly Update of Non-Federal Transportation Board Major Actions & Funding

| Board/Body | Agency/Mission | Recent Meeting | Next Meeting | Recent Action Related to Transportation in the City of Alexandria | Items for Transportation Commission Consideration or Action |
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| City Council | City Council approves the annual Capital Improvement Program for the City of Alexandria. | 17-Dec | 10-Jan | On December 17, 2011, the City Council adopted a Master Plan Amendment to construct a new Safeway store at 3526 King Street, which has several transportation requirements within the amendment. | None |
| Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) | Virginia Dept. of Transportation, Dept. of Rail & Public Transportation, Dept. of Aviation, Port of Virginia. Board sets transportation policy and funding priorities for Virginia. | 7-Dec | 10-Jan | The CTB received a presentation on the major business terms which were developed for the I-95 HOT Lane project. The Commonwealth was awarded a \$20 million TIGER III grant to support this project. The Commonwealth added an auxiliary lane on I-395 between Duke Street and Seminary Road into the new regional CLRP. | None |
| Transportation Planning Board (TPB) | Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. The regional planning body that serves as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization. | 21-Dec | 18-Jan | The Transportation Planning Board was provided with information items detailing the changing composition of the regional vehicle fleet and freeways which are observed to have major levels of traffic congestion as observed by aerial photography. | None |
| Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) | Nine cities/counties in NoVa with a 16-member board. Charged with preparing and implementing a regional transportation plan. | 14-Jul | 12-Jan | There was no meeting of the NVTA in December, 2011. | None |
| Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) | Manages and controls the functions, affairs, and property of the Northern Virginia Transportation District which is comprised of six member jurisdictions, including Alexandria. NVTC provides a policy forum for its region and allocates state, regional, and federal transit assistance. | 1-Dec | 5-Jan | NVTC passed a resolution which permitted the VRE to enter into a grant agreement with VDOT for FHWA Rail Crossing and Safety Program funds to construct a pedestrian tunnel between the Alexandria Union Station and the King Street Metro station. This work will cost \$7,470,000 and require no local match. | None |
| Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA) Board | Provides rail, bus and paratransit services regionally and determines agency policy and provides oversight for the funding, operation, and expansion of transit facilities. | 18-Dec | 26-Jan | The WMATA Board received a presentation on the preliminary operating budget and progress being made with the capital program. The Board also continued to discuss a strategic plan for the Authority. In December, the Governance Work Group convened by the Governors of Virginia and Maryland and the Mayor of the District of Columbia released its final report on WMATA governance. The report was generally laudatory towards the Boards actions over the past year but suggested changes such as smaller board committees, term limits for Board members, multi-year appointments of Board Chairs, and criteria for appointment to the Board. The recommendation did not address the number of people on the Board or role of alternates on the Board | None |
| Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) | Regional council of 14 member governments in Northern Virginia that provides information and serves as a mechanism for regional coordination | 8-Dec | 26-Jan | No minutes have yet been produced for the December 8, 2011 NVRC meeting. | None |